

The Utah Department of Health, Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program, in collaboration with local health departments and community partners, has made progress towards the elimination of TB in Utah. Over the last ten years morbidity has declined, high-risk groups have been targeted for testing, and knowledge of TB in the community has increased through educational outreach programs.

The TB Control Program coordinates a number of tuberculosis screening programs for high-risk populations throughout the State. These include screening programs at schools, migrant work sites, and jails. In 1998, a screening program for the homeless began at the new Community Winter Emergency Shelter (CWES). The program was started due to the higher risk factors for TB among the homeless population and the close proximity to each other in which people sleep at the shelter.

The TB Program collaborates with community-based organizations to expand services and to fill potential gaps in current services. These organizations include Wasatch Homeless Health Care, the Road Home, Centre de La Familia, and the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics. The Program also collaborates with local health departments, the STD Control Program, and the Refugee Health Program.